Stakeholder Advisory Committee Meeting for the Environmental Technology Verification Pilot for Advanced Monitoring Systems

The National Exposure Research Laboratory (NERL), Office of Research and Development (ORD), <u>U.S. Environmental Protection Agency</u> (US EPA), Research Triangle Park (RTP), North Carolina, and <u>Battelle</u>, Columbus, OH, are partners on an Environmental Technology Verification (ETV) pilot for Advanced Monitoring Systems (AMS). The AMS pilot is designed to systematically verify commercially available technologies that are used to monitor air, water, and soil. The pilot's objective is to accelerate the acceptance and use of promising, innovative technologies and to provide objective performance data to potential technology purchasers and regulators.

Battelle has established stakeholder advisory committees (SACs) for air and water monitoring technologies. A SAC for soil monitoring technologies will be formed at a later date. The SACs are comprised of 25-30 representatives from the following groups or organizations: U.S. EPA, other federal agencies, state and regional agencies, the regulated communities, technology users, industries, associations representing the regulated community, financial investment groups, research institutions, environmental groups, and other interested organizations. It is anticipated that stakeholders will provide critical advice from various perspectives on implementing the verification process through the duration of the AMS pilot.

The air and water stakeholder advisory committees will convene for the first time on February 24-25, 1998, at Battelle, 505 King Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43201. The meeting will start at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 24, and end at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 25. During this meeting, the stakeholders will assist Battelle in identifying environmental monitoring technology needs; discuss a draft Request for Technologies (RFT); and identify criteria that will be used to evaluate RFT responses. The meeting is open to the public but space is limited. If you are interested in attending or would like more information about the AMS pilot, contact Ms. Helen C. Latham, Battelle, 505 King Ave., Columbus, OH 43201, by mail; by phone, 614-424-4062 or fax to Ms. Latham, 614-424-5601; or via email to lathamh@Battelle.org.